

In his article in April, John Nelson mentioned that in 1976 - when the Bowman Railway Perfin Book was published - Die 2 of the Cambrian Railway was known, used, on only two covers.

John did not mention that later (unfortunately date not recorded by myself) we had an addendum to the Bowmen book, which said that this perfin has a stop between the letters C and R. For members who have bought the Railway Book and have not got this addendum, we can put full details in the next Bulletin if you so ask.

If there is a perfin C R 8,11 4mm without a stop, after reading the next letter from Derrik Rayner, it could help John's hypothesis.

DERRIK RAYNER writes to say that he has a C.R perfin on a ½d plate 12 8,11 height nearer 4½ than 4 judging from the illustration supplied by Mr. Rayner.

The interesting point is that the cancellation is OSWE(STRY), AU 22 80 Code A, although the '8' of 80 is not very clear. The stamp was purchased along with a collection of Caledonian Railway perfins, all with Scottish postmarks except this one. The vendor had queried its authenticity, thinking at that time it could be a fake. However, as Oswestry was the Head Office town of the Cambrian Railway, one could be forgiven for assuming this to be a Cambrian Railway perfin.

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